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**VIA ECF**

The Honorable Sterling Johnson  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

**Re: United States v. John Rodden**  
**CR 08-524 (SJ) (SMG)**

Dear Judge Johnson:

Further to my letter to the court dated March 24, 2011, unfortunately Mr. Rodden's elderly mother was taken ill shortly after her granddaughter's wedding and passed away that night. A requiem mass in her honor will take place in Mr. Rodden's home town in Ireland on May 8, 2011.

Mr. Rodden was extremely reluctant to burden the Court with another request to travel, and only does so because of the tragedy that has befallen him and his family. He would be deeply obliged if the Court would grant his present request.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael G. Dowd

/jr

cc: AUSA Charles Kleinberg